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Hello fellow amateurs

Here we are in the next year of the clubs existence and we have some new faces in the executive and the return of some familiar ones.

First things first, a big thanks go out to the people that have served on the executive last year and for the last few years. It has been a pleasure working with you and we all appreciate your contributions over the years. Next, to those of us that have returned in one capacity or another, welcome and I hope you will find the next year rewarding.

This year, we will be having some interesting topics for guest speakers at the meeting. In October, we have local contester and holder of DXCC certificate Tom Haavisto VE3CX. Tom will be speaking about his setup and contesting in general. I have been informed by Bill VE3XT, that a dry run was done at the college this week and the presentation will be well worth your time. So please make an appearance on Thursday Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm at the Confederation College rm 191 for the monthly general meeting. Just a side note, Tom will be back in December to talk about the RAC winter contest. Who knows, if the contest bug bites, you may just rub some elbows on the bands with the big guns as you fight for your few kilohertz.

The seasons are passing quickly and we are now heading into antenna season. It is a good time to clean up the shack and get it organized (really!!!) to the point where you can at least find a chair to sit in. I have been rethinking my blue space and I hope to have it finished by the next mass extinction.

I hope this note finds everyone in good health and happiness.

Until next time.....

Randy
VA3OJ



Atikokan Balloon Launch

The Atikokan Amateur Radio Club is planning a high altitude balloon launch for Spring 2012. The goal is to launch a balloon over 100,000 feet and send back APRS position information and telemetry. Features may include a "parrot" repeater. If you would like to be involved in this project, or would just like to follow our project, e-mail ve3fyn@rac.ca.

Warren Paulson
President, Atikokan Amateur Radio Club

Ontario SET

This year the Ontario SET is on Saturday October 15, from 10 to 2 AM ET, and 6-9 PM ET.

Thunder Bay District ARES would like to activate a local VHF net, and activate and test our emergency stations at VE3ONN in the Salvation Army, Thunder Bay Red Cross headquarters, Thunder Bay Regional Hospital, Thunder Bay Fire Department Headquarters, VE3SAO, and a SATERN mobile.

We need to know if you could volunteer to assist at one of these locations, for what period of time (i.e. morning, afternoon, evening, or for 11-1 for example) or whether you would be available from home or your mobile instead... and whether you can assist "for sure" or "maybe", or "sorry, cannot help this time."

Once we get an idea of how many people can get involved, and in what capacity, we can organize our participation.

So please respond to the email. Thanks for your consideration!!!

73,

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP AEC

LARC SENATE

Keith Fiske VE3JQ
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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Weblinks

Some interesting links submitted by our readers.....

<http://www.chroniclejournal.com/content/news/local/2011/09/08/55-plus-centre-20-years-young>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio_communications_during_the_September_11_attacks

<http://www.eham.net/articles/26913>

http://wn.com/TV_tower

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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)**pl 100**

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

LARC Volunteers were in action at the Thunder Bay Marathon and the Run for the Cure



Determined Marathoner



Marathoners Rounding the bend at 10K



LARC at the Thunder Bay Marathon Headquarters



Run for the Cure



Run for the Cure ... the guy in front

Followed by nearly a thousand more runners



A happy volunteer from the CIBC

North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for October, 2011



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on October 29, 2011. Several items were discussed that may be of interest to you.

The Board of Directors has been considering the transformation of TCA into an electronic format for several months now. I think it is a good idea for many reasons. Firstly it would allow the use of hotlinks to be embedded in the articles, as I have done in this report. If you are looking for more information on a subject a quick click will let you obtain it. It would also allow full colour and there would be no limit on the size of the magazine, subject to bandwidth issues. It would also allow us to get it to you faster as compared to snail mail. And it will be lot cheaper to get it to you as we would not have printing and mail costs. There was some concern about some Amateurs not being able to receive it electronically but I think all Amateurs are pretty tech savvy and will enjoy this new format. Let me know what you think.

Thanks to the efforts of former Honorary Legal Counsel, Steve Pengelly, VE3STV; Steve, Southern Ontario Director Jeff Stewart, VA3WXM and myself have a meeting with the Ministry of Transport Assistant Deputy Minister and his Director of Safety regarding the Distracted Driving Legislation in Ontario. We will present our case why not allowing Ontario Amateurs to use their mobiles is not good legislation. I want to thank all of you who have sent me letters from 3rd parties offering support to Amateurs in Ontario. If you want to send in a letter it is still not too late. As soon as I have any further information I will let you know.

It will come as no surprise that it takes money to keep RAC afloat. And where we get most of our revenues is from members. I would encourage you to talk to your fellow Amateurs in your club to consider joining RAC. So no one thinks we are living well on your memberships, my trip to Toronto later this month is sponsored by the Bank of Bill.

RAC is considering some new insurance options, so stay tuned for that as well.

There is a lot of special callsigns operating this month, for a complete listing goto:

<http://www.rac.ca/en/amateur-radio/regulatory/callsigns/special-event.php>

Finally and possibly most importantly remember that October 15 is the Simulated Emergency Test. It is our chance to see how we would do if the "ship hits the sand". I hope you would consider volunteering some of your time for this worthwhile endeavour. For more info goto: <http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/public-service/ares/simulated-emergency-test/>

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

73

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada

LARC Volunteers - International Style!



Bill VE3XT & Brad VE3MXJ at the Superior Hiking Trail Race , near Grand Maris MN Sept. 10, 2011

Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: September 8, 2011

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding

Guest Speaker:

None.. elections are at end of meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moves to accept the report as printed in the September Hi-Q.

Seconded by Fort Michelizzi VE3MCZ. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moves to accept the June's meeting's minutes as printed in the September Hi-Q. Seconded by George Dow VE3DOW. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)

VE3YQT to be used for public service until further notice

Past Events:

Kakabeka Falls July 1 st at the Park.

Shuniah MS Run and Roll in July

Conquer the Dog in August.

Coming Events

Caribou Bike Ride in September 11 will have 4 checkpoints.

John is looking for 5 more operators for the **Thunder Bay Marathon on September 18.**

CIBC Run for the Cure on October 2

United Way Santa Claus Parade in November

Salvation Army Santa Shuffle December 3rd

CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS

It was a slow summer for CANWARN with few extreme weather storms.

ARES

Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC

Brad reported having a ARES test net in June which coincided with a similar exercise of the Thunder Bay Red Cross. The net ran from 4:15 PM to 5:45PM with 9 check-ins.

VE3ONN and VE3SAO were activated for the net. Brad has been working with Ken Widdifield of the Red Cross to set up an station in the Red Cross office.

October is emergency preparedness month and that means the yearly SET exercise (Simulated Emergency Test) The Lakehead ARES executive will be meeting to plan an

activity day Saturday October 15th.

New Business

Everyone invited to check-in to these nets.

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm.
New Amethyst VHF net on VE3TBR Sunday 7:45 PM ET, Karl Hamilton is net manager. It will connect to NW Ontario via IRLP reflector 9002.
NW Ontario ARES HF net daily, 8:15 PM ET on 3.750 MHz
Ontario ARES Communication Net on IRLP Reflector 9035 ON Sunday and Thursday at 8PM ET
SATERN Net Monday 9 PM on IRLP reflector 9032

RAC Report Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill reported having progress with the Distracted Driver campaign.
The new 60 meter band will be gazetted, followed by a 30 day period for comments, then it goes to the legislature and passed.
RAC is modifying Field Services in Ontario. Instead of one section, Ontario will be split up into divisions.

Repeater News Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,

Terry Stewardson VA3LU reporting making adjustments to VE3TBR. It has been a tough summer for propagation into VE3TBR. The simplex repeater at Sibley has been tested and is working fine.

Hymers Fall Fair Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Joe reported that the Fair went well, there was lots of interest and enquiries about ham radio. Band conditions were good with lots of DX.

Club Trailer:

Bob Hansen VE3RVA

The trailer was used at Hymers fair again this year. The lights need work. Bob will get LED lights and install. The propane tank will be replaced. A generator was bought for the trailer and club in June.

Election of new executive.

President: Randy Gottfred VA3OJ
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Treasurer Paul Curtin VA3PDC
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There was a suggestion at the meeting that the Executive may want to consider forgoing it's separate monthly meeting to reduce the workload. A meeting immediately before the monthly club meeting was suggested as an alternative.

The possibility of a new CW net was discussed.

50/50 Draw: George Dow VE3DOW

Adjournment moved by: Karl Hamilton VE3RRP
Next Executive Meeting: October 6, 2011.

Next LARC Meeting: October 13, 2011.

Hi

Would everyone please peruse the info page (page 2) and forward any information or corrections. We would also love to hear about what you are up to - articles do not have to be long and photos are greatly appreciated.

If you are sending me a text file . . . just make it a regular text file with little or no formatting 'cuz I'm just going to take out the formatting anyway. Almost any kind of photo file is ok and it is very ok to reduce the file size before sending. For the curious, I use PagePlus X5 to make HI-Q.

*Thanks for your support of HI-Q
- Ed*

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - Sept. 1st, 2011 \$3,525.22

Income

Interest	\$0.74
50/50 Draw	\$12.00
Memberships	\$420.00

Total Income \$432.74

Expenses

Thunder Bay Telephone	\$48.53
Bank Charges	\$2.00
Insurance	\$469.80
Hymers Fair	\$42.01
Field Day	\$123.70
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Total Expenses \$686.04

***Term Account (For Higher Interest) \$3,000.00**

Balance on Hand - Sept. 1st, 2011 \$3,271.92

Trailer Account	
Previous Balance	\$932.11
Income	
Interest	\$0.08
Expenses	
New Trailer Tires incl. Spare	\$0.00
Balance in Trailer Account	\$932.19

**Paul Curtin
VA3 PDC
Treasurer**

October 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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